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SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONALIZATION OF BOLIVIA

1. ON JUNE 22 PRESIDENT BANZER TOLD ME THAT, AS HE HAD STATED PUBLICLY, IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOB TO RESTORE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT TO BOLIVIA BY 1980. HE SAID THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED AS YET AS TO HOW TO GET FROM HERE TO THERE. NONETHELESS, HE SAID THAT THE COUNTRY IS TIRED OF OLD-FASHIONED POLICIES AND POLITICAL PARTY ACTIVITIES. THUS SOME NEW FORM OF POLITICAL PROCESS MUST BE DEVELOPED TO CARRY THE COUNTRY TO THE RETURN OF DEMOCRACY. HE SAID THAT THE LETTER SIGNED BY SEVERAL BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, THE PRINCIPAL ONE OF WHICH WAS EX-PRESIDENT LUIS ADOLFO SILES, WAS A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. HE SAID THAT BOLIVIA WOULD FASHION A BOLIVIAN PROCEDURE IN ORDER TO CONSTITUTIONALIZE THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO SAID THAT IT HAS LONG BEEN HIS HOPE TO ESTABLISH SOME LEGITIMATE FORM OF POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING. HE REPEATED A PHRASE WHICH HAS BEEN MENTIONED FREQUENTLY BY LEADING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT THE CONDITIONS MUST BE RIGHT FOR CONSTITUTIONALIZATION AND THEREFORE PLANNING AND EDUCATION MUST BE PART OF THE POLITICAL PROGRAM.

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2. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO STATE THAT THE BOLIVIAN DECISION TO CONSTITUTIONALIZE THE GOVERNMENT HAVING BEEN TAKEN BY BOLIVIANS SEEMED TO US TO BE A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I SAID THAT IT IS UP TO BOLIVIA AS TO HOW AND WHEN STEPS ARE TAKEN. I INDICATED THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE US TO KEEP HANDS OFF OF THE PLAN NOW BEING

STUDIED AND DISCUSSED ABOUT WAYS TO CONSTITUTIONALIZE THE
REGIME.
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